

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-16, 21-23 and 25-27 were previously pending. Claims 2-13 and 25-27 are allowed, and claims 14-16 and 21-23 are rejected. Claims 14-16 and 21-23 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

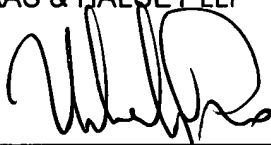
In view of the above, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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